NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

THANKS, to the Ladies Benevolent Society of the Homer church for a Christmas gift, consisting of an envelope containing three five dollar bills, besides some small change, presented to us in church after the sermon on Christmas evening. The gift is highly appreciated. It reminded us forcibly of the great gift of God to the world that we might be saved. God bless the Ladies Society of Homer.

HENRY S. JACOBS.
LIZZIE JACOBS.

Homerville, Ohio.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—On next Sunday we have baptism in the brook near the church. A young man who is a member of the Sunday school is one that is to be baptized. Hope when we have another series of meetings as we expect to have in February, more will come to Christ. So the work of the Lord goes on, but not as rapidly as it should.

A. L. DILTS.

Sergeantsville, N. J., Dec. 28.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Our minister, Bro. G. W. DeBolt, just closed a series of meetings for us. While it did not result in any accessions, it was the kind of work we needed. The condition of our church is bettered. Bro. De Bolt pleads earnestly with sinners and is fearless in his talk to church members. He was ordained by Bro. H. R. Holsinger in June—, is a faithful pastor and will be a successful evangelist. His theme is "Idols and Idolatry." The modern vices do not escape his notice and he notices them in such a way that every one else sees them. He draws a full house and never fails to interest and instruct them. If there is any good in one, this can not but do one good. He goes to Washington County during the holidays.

The church is awaking to the fact that more earnest and practical preaching is necessary in order to arouse mankind and keep them from a sinner's hell.

M. M. STERLING.

Masontown, Pa., Dec. 25.

Louisville, Ohio.

Bro. Brown delivered his lecture here on the 18th, and it was appreciated.

On Christmas day our Sunday school met. We had a large attendance, and the exercises were suitable for the occasion—distributing of gifts, &c. It seemed a Merry Christmas to all.

On the 8th of January, Bro. J. W. Smouse, of Vinco, Pa., will be with us and preach for us. From here he goes to North Liberty to conduct a series of meetings.

On last evening two hearts, Bro. John Klingman and Amanda Sheffer, were made happy in being united in marriage followed by many congratulations by friends. May they have smooth sailing through the voyage of life, is our wish.

JOSIAH KEIM.

Dec. 27th.

Somerset, Ohio.

Dec. 20.—This beautiful morning I take up the paper and see so many have written, and I think I must say a word. We had preaching at our church yesterday, and we had a good sermon. Bro. A. A. Cober is our minister, and he is a true one; if we were only as true, as he preaches in earnest.

I read of six that were baptized December 11th, at Ashland. I was glad to hear of them turning from sin to the light of God. I tell you they were not ashamed of their Lord. Immersion is the right way.

When I joined the Progressive church, I belonged to the Christian Union church, and if I had not believed in their way of baptizing, I would never have been baptized again. I do not believe in every kind of baptism. When Christ was baptized, he went to the river of Jordan and was baptized of John, went into the water and came up out of the water. That is sufficient for an honest mind. I tell you there are too many following the pride and the fashions of the world. The platform of our church is a solid one: The Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible.

I sometimes get discouraged, but then a thought comes to me, there is a Friend that is ever near. He is ever near, never fear. Oh I tell you that we must be of one mind, and one faith, and be true followers of all the commandments, if we enter the land of light. Who can enter the land of light, land of peace, and pure delight, far away from our mortal sight? Only the good and true, who can enter that Holy place, look on the gracious Savior's face, sing the songs of redeeming grace, only the good and true.

CLARA A. HELSER.

Bethel Church.

Oakville, Ind.

The readers of the EVANGELIST, we think, have not yet forgotten the report of the organization of the Brethren Church by Bro. Swihart, at Oakville, in November, and the glad tidings that came from this newly organized body, under the ministration of the word by Bro. S. The result of their devotion and zeal was the rapid increase of membership from the small number—eight—to the number of sixty, when Bro. S. said the end was not come yet, nor had it, although the protracted effort was then discontinued, but on Dec. 21st, the some evangelist made his appearance again at the same place, to hold a few meetings, going to work with his usual zeal. The attendance was all that could be expected, with a growing interest.

On Lord's Day morning, Dec. 26th, the writer had the pleasure of meeting Bro. Swihart in the congregation, just as he had fairly entered into his sermon, but he being as glad to see me as I was to see him, he stopped in his sermon to salute me and requested me to take his place and preach, which I declined, but followed with a little talk after he was through, as I had the pleasure of hearing a good sermon. Seeing the interest that was visibly manifest during the entire services, I had but to rejoice that it was my happy privilege to meet these brethren, and after services enjoy their friendly courtesies. In the evening, the house was full to overflowing but all was quiet and orderly. As there were several accessions up to this time, and a warm interest, it was expected (and realized, too) that more were ready to enter the fold of Christ. Next day, after morning services we repaired to the limpid stream to attend to the ordinance of baptism. On Tuesday, after morning services, I had to leave these friendly brethren and sisters and I felt truly lonesome after leaving, for their kindnesses will not be forgotten. It would be hard to find an organization more firmly united, and there is enough natural ability and solid material in this body of brethren to assure a glorious future if the proper effort is put forth, and I know that they are in earnest, determined to do their part and God will do what more may be needed. May God bless them and grant them grace that they may honor their profession by the fruit of righteousness. Bro. D. K. Teeter is the Elder, and we hope, ready for every good work. The house now used to meet in is too small, but the brethren are building a new church, which is already set upon its solid foundation and will be completed some time in the coming spring. The location is on a beautiful, natural eminence where the church may be seen for miles around. The building is capacious, and when finished will be looked upon as a standing monument of the enterprise, generosity and zeal of Oakville church. May the people of Oakville live long to enjoy the honor and fruits of their noble enterprise. May the choicest blessings of God rest upon them one and all, and in eternity may they receive the reward of righteousness. Amen.

ELIAS TEETER.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Personal.

BRO. EDITOR:—I feel that something ought to be said of a personal character, and certainly no offence be given. The Brethren should know the character of the man of whom I am going to write—I refer to Bro. Brockwell of San Francisco. He has a characteristic article in the EVANGELIST of Nov. 17, which caused our editor to complain for once. But no doubt he has cause for complaint very often that he does not tell us of, and in this case no doubt but his cause for complaint was sufficient. But whatever may be the faults of Bro. Brockwell, no man that knows him will charge him with hypocrisy, and I believe all who have visited him for inspection, agree that he is doing a good work. Certainly no other Bro. on this coast could fill his place, and he is bringing to the front, questions of the very first importance. First, the church did not send him there, but declined to authorize him to preach until he went there and went to work preaching on the streets and wharves, where crowds of men could be found, who seldom, if ever, entered the door of a church-house, and if they did, they came out disgusted. Thus, the rough sailor, perhaps for the first time, heard the voice of the Gospel. With Christ as his Redeemer, he went out on the rolling billows thinking of a better life to come and realizing that he ought to and can be a better man. 2. Think of it brethren, the salary he got, he labored at hard work by the day or month to support his family, and preached every Sunday two or three times; often for hours on the streets in the night time, preaching to anxious hearers in the chilly, damp night air of San Francisco, then in the morning at his day's work, and he is a very small, light man in body. But by hard work day and night he has supported his family and built up a church right in the great, wicked city of the Pacific coast. Reader, you could not do it, the writer could not do it, neither could any other man do it if not called of God to do it. Oh! ye preachers, that can't preach without a salary. If all preachers in our day got the salary that Paul got or that Bro. Brockwell gets, our preachers would be scarce and far between. 3. Bro. Brockwell takes strong ground, he hesitates not to tell the preachers of our popular churches that they are the devil in sheep's clothing. He does not regard them as brethren and dare not call them so, so he says in his article, and I know it to be his honest conviction. Now, he is desperately wrong or desperately right. If he is wrong, then he should be corrected, and if he persists, he should be publically disowned. But if he is right, woe to our cause as it is now drifting, and right he must be or he is not doing a good work. He will not so much as take a dollar of what he regards the devil's money. He is right or there is no necessity for our church at all, and the sooner its demise can be announced, the better. It is not our feet-washing that makes a man better, but it is the Holy Spirit within him, producing good works as its fruit and evidence of its presence. Contrast, if you please, the principle on which our San Francisco brother works with the principle recently presented by one of our able preachers, in substance as follows: If, he said, that his services at home on his farm were worth a thousand dollars a year, and if he could not get at least half that amount for going out to preach he would certainly have to stay at home. Very sensible indeed, and we would suggest to all preachers who are like minded, to stay at home, by all means, and attend to their local interests, for our God never bids against the world for laborers in His vineyard, but always gives the devil and railroad men the first choice. So the poor, the lame, the halt, the blind that put their trust in Him are the chosen of God, and to such, He gives eternal life. For proof, see your "creed." I would be pleased to see this published as a reminder to the brethren of the rocks and shoals on which we are drifting. Yours in hope.

D. WHITE.

From the Kansas Missionary.

Received from F. C. Shaper, treasurer of the Kansas Mission Fund, $7.00, leaving due me $4.57. I will balance accounts and call it square. I have now served in the capacity of State Evangelist, to the extent of my ability and present desire and hereby offer my resignation.

In the little time I spent in the mission field, I formed many pleasant acquaintances and I shall cherish the memory of all such. For the kindness shown me by many friends in and out of the church, I tender my heartfelt thanks.

Our cause in this State is worthy of more attention than it receives. We have fourteen organizations in the State, many of which have no ministry. Only one among the fourteen is able in itself to support a minister, and it makes us feel glad and hopeful that congregations, in a practical sense, give expression of obedience to *all* of God's ordinances and acknowledge the minister's right as well as his duties. With our motto, "The Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel," practically demonstrated, we feel that our cause may yet be made a complete success in our rapidly developing state. While our mission work this far has proven a comparative failure, we hope and pray that it may soon receive its merited support. We feel like urging upon Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri to unite and call an inter-state convention in the near future in the interest of combined effort in Mission work. We feel that by such an effort at least a little good can be accomplished. A few souls of inestimable value saved.

It is true we may not have (at least I hope we have not) here in the west many "property value men"– (We feel sorry brother Editor, your pen ever touched those words,) preachers, but we have lots of "Shirmishers," who, under the blessing of God and with a little support from their brethren, may accomplish considerable good. We indeed agree with our Editor that the substantial success of our cause mainly depends upon the labors of these men of lesser notoriety. It is evident that at present we are not rich enough to get and enjoy the benefits of these "property value" men. A few good crops and a little better prices for our frontier productions, may enable us to get some of them to come among us without sacrificing their "reputation." Afterwhile our shanties, dugouts and sodhouses may be turned into hospitable, lace curtained parlors, and we will be better fixed generally for the more polished and "successful" revivalist from a distance. But what of all this, so God is glorified, saints established and sinners converted. For the present let us pull, everybody pull, and all pull together.

Say shall we have a missionary convention?

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morrill, Kans., Dec. 27th, '86.

Married.

KISHLER–PALMER—At the residence of the bride's parents, near Logan, Ohio, Dec. 25th, 1886, Mr. Charles N. Kishler to Sister Nannie Palmer, by Rev. Daniel Henricks.

Mr. Kishler is a prosperous and promising young man and has the best wishes of our entire community. Sister Nannie is a bright light in Zion church and will be missed by us all. But our loss is others' gain. This is only an act in the drama of life. God speed them both is the prayer of D. H.

Died.

COYLER—At Downs, Kans., Dec. 20, 1886, of consumption, Sister Annie Coyler, aged 19 years and 4 months. She leaves a husband and dear little son 14 months old, and father, and mother and brothers and sisters, to mourn her loss. Sister Coyler united with the church at North Solomon last summer and was an exemplary Christian until death. She expressed a willingness to die, if it was the Lord's will. Funeral services from 1 Thes. 4 : 13, 14.

C. FORNEY.

KOLLAR—Georgie Irene Kollar, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs. George Kollar, aged 1 year, 6 months and 27 days. Died Dec. 8th. Funeral services by W. Kiefer, at the Fair Haven church. This is the second one out of the same family in about three weeks by that dread disease, Diphtheria.

WM. KIEFER.

MURPHY—Ida Florence Murphy, wife of brother John Murphy, near Rockwell City, Kans. Obituary next week.